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## HIGHWAY ROUTE IS NOT DECIDED UPON

COMMITTEE UNABLE TO SETTLE QUESTION THE PAST WEEK.

MAKE DECISION NEXT OCTOBER

Columbus and Birmingham Routes May Compete for Designation in 1916.

Nashville, Tenn., November 18.—The executive board of the Jackson Highway association, after a session lasting all of this afternoon, which was enlivened by many spirited debates, was unable to determine a southern route, since the supporters of the main route, the western route through Mississippi, embodying much of the original Jackson military road, and the eastern route via Birmingham were so evenly represented.

A conciliatory resolution was offered and adopted leaving the selection of the route to the pathfinding committee and the United States government engineer, R. E. Toms, on October 1, 1916, after they have completed another inspection of the said routes.

President Atherton, in discussing the action taken by the board said:

"The Jackson Highway association was just temporarily organized at Birmingham on July 30 of this year, and later on a permanent organization was perfected at Nashville. It was too late to do much real work on the roads this year. Then snap judgment in selecting this route was to be avoided.

The people interested in these routes will get busy between now and next October. This will result not only in good roads for the Jackson highway, but better road conditions in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi."

The Jackson Highway association, with all committees and the board of directors present, met here this morning to hear the reports of the pathfinders and government engineer, then to decide upon the southern route, which decision will establish the route of the great national road—the Jackson highway—from the lakes to the gulf.

The route north of Nashville, which runs through Chicago on to the upper great lakes country, has been settled. Advocates of the various southern routes were all well represented, and came prepared to make a fight.

Reports were made by R. E. Toms, the government engineer, and E. G. Dent, of Kentucky, representing the pathfinders committee. A general discussion followed.

The following resolution was adopted:

"The route from Nashville through Alabama via Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile to New Orleans, and the route from Nashville via Florence, Ala., Columbus, Meridian and Hattiesburg, Miss., to New Orleans shall be given until October 1, 1916, for an inspection by the pathfinders committee and the government engineer, at which time which ever route is in their judgment the nearest completed shall be officially designated the Jackson highway. It is expressly understood that the Tennessee river and about 600 feet on the Pacagoula river may be crossed by free night and day ferry, but all other streams shall be bridged and there shall be no toll gates on the route selected.

"The pathfinding commission and Mr. Toms, the government engineer, shall determine the route from Nashville to Birmingham in the same way and at the same time.

**Will Give Pie Social.**  
The local members of the Old Ladies' Home Association will give a pie social at noon next Wednesday in the Mayo Drug Company building, on the corner of Main and Market street. Brunswick stew, coffee and pie will be served.

### XMAS EDITION.

The Columbus Commercial will on Sunday, December 12, issue its annual Christmas edition containing advertisements of the leading merchants of Columbus. Extra copies will be sent out and advertisers will be given a chance to make known their many bargains in Christmas gifts, to thousands of people in this and surrounding communities.

## ALBERT SPALDING HEARD AT COLLEGE

NOTED VIOLINIST GREETED BY A LARGE AUDIENCE.

RESPONDS TO MANY ENCORES

Program On Friday Evening Made Up of Classic and Modern Composers.

Albert Spalding, the great American artist, made his third appearance in the college chapel on Friday evening, and was greeted by an appreciative audience.

He gave a wonderful program in a finished way and received rapt attention by the eight hundred girls, as well as the town people. The audience was so completely thrilled and charmed that during the entire program there was not even a whisper to be heard.

Albert Spalding was born in Chicago, being the son of the noted merchant and manufacturer of athletic goods. He comes of a musical family, his mother having been a talented musician. Early in life he exhibited marked talent and by careful instruction and assiduous study, he is now America's greatest violinist, and ranks with the world's artists.

The program Friday evening was made up of classic and modern composers, and it would be hard to say just which number was most enthusiastically received. The splendid technique and marvelous tones seemed almost divine, and the rounds and rounds of applause showed just how the audience appreciated him. He responded to the encores most graciously.

His career has been one perpetual series of triumph, both in America and abroad, he having traveled in membered that this great musician is a millionaire, one but can admire him for his ambition in pursuing his artistic course, not only for his own pleasure, but to give pleasure to multitudes of mankind.

The name of Miss Clara Bradley was by error omitted from the list of honor roll of the Franklin Academy, recently published in this paper.

## VALUABLE WAR RELIC IS CONTRIBUTED TO STATE

SWORD FIRST OWNED BY CAPT. SHARP, ADDED TO HISTORICAL COLLECTION.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 20.—The Mississippi Department of Archives and History has recently received as a contribution to its valuable collection of Confederate war materials, the sword of Capt. S. B. Watts, of Company H, Tenth Mississippi Regiment, as reported by Dr. Dunbar Rowland, director. The sword is sheathed and is in a good state of preservation. The fact of its having been worn by two of Mississippi's bravest and most chivalrous Confederate soldiers, make it doubly precious to the state.

The interesting of this sword states that it was first owned, and worn by Capt. Thomas I. Sharp, of Columbus, Miss., who was captain of Company H, Tenth Mississippi regiment, Sharp's brigade, Army of Tennessee. Capt. Sharp fell mortally wounded while leading his company in one of the engagements before Atlanta, in July, 1864. His sword was rescued and delivered to his brother, Gen. Jacob H. Sharp, who was in command of the brigade. Upon the promotion of Capt. S. B. Watts to the captaincy of Company H, Gen. Sharp presented him with his brother's sword. The touching ceremony concluded, the saber passed into the possession of one who was to add honor to its already worthy record. Throughout his military career, Capt. Watts displayed the courage, brilliancy and daring that characterized a soldier who has been ranked with the most famous of history. Original records make note of his having been wounded while leading his men in battle; his entire career as a soldier being one that bequeaths a precious legacy to his descendants.

On the night of Nov. 30, 1864, Capt. Watts surrendered his sword to Captain Shepard H. Knapp, of the 104th Ohio regiment, on the breastworks at Franklin, Tenn. near the old ginhouse on the Columbia and Nashville pike. Capt. Knapp, on

## REPORTS OF UNREST IN INDIA, MOST POPULOUS DEPENDENCY, WORRY GREAT BRITAIN.



Photo by American Press Association.  
[London denies that there is serious unrest in India, but there have been circumstantial reports of trouble in the great dependency, including reports of the deposition by the people of Hyderabad of their nizam or ruler, owing to his staunch support of British rule. It was even said that Earl Kitchener, formerly commander of the troops in India, had gone there to quell the disturbances. It is now known, however, that Kitchener has gone to the Balkans. In the past few weeks some German papers have asserted that British rule in India and also in Egypt is seriously menaced by the Teuton-Bulgarian advance in the Balkans.]

## BISHOP T. D. BRATTON IS TO PREACH HERE TODAY

BISHOP BRATTON, OF EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF STATE IS GUEST OF REV. SLACK.

The Rt. Rev. T. D. Bratton, D. D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, will officiate twice today at St. Paul's church. He will officiate at the early celebration of the Holy Communion, and will preach at the service of morning prayer at 11 o'clock.

Bishop Bratton is well-known over Mississippi and the country at large as a preacher of great force, and is very much in demand at all large assemblies of church workers. His coming to our city is always looked forward to with great pleasure by all and a large congregation will greet him.

Special musical program has been arranged, and Miss Mattie Lou Brown will sing the offertory.

While here the Bishop is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Slack at the rectory, having arrived yesterday noon. Today he will be the guest at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. L. Caine.

### Fire Friday Morning.

The grocery store and bottling works of Mr. Jim McClung, located on West Main street, was damaged to the extent of \$250 by fire shortly after 3 o'clock Friday morning. The blaze is thought to have been caused from defective wiring. The loss is covered by insurance.

"Harry," one of the valuable fire department horses, had his foot badly cut on a pile of scrap iron while going to the fire at McClung's, and will be out of service for some time.

receiving it promised to return it to the brave officer if both should survive the war.

The history of the sword after the war continues to be of intense interest and borders on the romantic, since it was the Union officer's young daughter, Miss Mattie Knapp, born after the surrender, who kept her father's promise and returned the sacred treasure to its owner, on the 12th day of August, 1886. The return of the sword was made in the presence of Capt. Knapp and a large audience, composed of many ladies and the survivors of the 104th regiment, Ohio volunteers, at Myers' Lake, near Massillon and Canton, Ohio, at a reunion of the survivors of the regiment, Capt. Watts being the guest of Capt. Knapp. He was also a guest of the reunion association, before which body he had been invited to deliver an address.

The historical department appreciates the custody of the sword and have placed it among its treasures subject to the order of Capt. Watt's young grandson, Samuel Watt Kendall, who is at present a member of the state university.

## FALL TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT BEGINS TOMORROW

JUDGE THOMAS B. CARROLL, OF STARKVILLE WILL PRESIDE.

The fall term of circuit court for Lowndes county will convene here tomorrow morning, and will be presided over by Judge Thomas B. Carroll, of Starkville. Mostly civil cases will be disposed of, and although no grand jury will be empanelled the code provides that criminal cases in which indictments have already been returned can be taken up, and there are several of this character which are on the docket awaiting trial.

The case of G. V. Hannah vs. J. T. Wood, which was to have come up the coming week, has been continued. One interesting case will be that of W. W. Loftis vs. State Board of Veterinary Examiners. Mr. Loftis brought suit to compel the board to issue him license to practice veterinary surgery.

## FRANKLIN ACADEMY WINS GAME FROM REFORM TEAM

CONTEST PLAYED AT LAKE PARK FRIDAY AFTERNOON RESULTED 20-0.

The Franklin Academy football players, who have made quite a record this season, won another game Friday afternoon, when they played the county high school team from Reform, Ala., the score resulting 20-0.

Three touchdowns were made by the Franklin team, one each by Hollis, Nichols and Lipsey. Long end runs and forward passes were featured by the Columbus players.

### Vagrants Being Arrested.

The Columbus police have started a war on vagrants and expect to make a number of arrests the coming week.

Lat Ivy, Sam Hodges and John Williams, three negroes, were brought before Mayor Gunter yesterday on charges of vagrancy, and each was sentenced to serve 30 days on the county farm and pay costs.

### 443 Votes Polled.

The Commercial of last Thursday erroneously stated that 343 votes were cast in the election for councilman last Tuesday, when the number should have been 443. L. W. Stevens having received 189; J. A. Lipsey 160 and John H. Burns, 94. There are about 600 voters on the city list, and much interest was shown in the race as is seen by the number of votes cast.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

Fully eight thousand people are said to have attended the funeral of Booker T. Washington, at Tuskegee, Ala., the past week.

C. L. Loop, first vice-president of the Southern Express Company, died the past week at his home on Lookout mountain.

Arthur C. Moreland, widely known among the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and editor and publisher of the Elks-Antler, one of the leading publications of the order, died in New York last week.

The total vote cast for governor in the general election on November 2, shows that Theodore Bilbo received 59,541 votes to Lester's 4,046.

On December 7, examinations will be held in Columbus, Brookhaven, Greenville, Greenwood, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Holly Springs, Jackson, Laurel, Meridian, Natchez, Tupelo and Vicksburg for positions as government stenographers.

Perhaps the most voluminous record that was ever sent to the supreme court of this state, is one just forwarded by Chancery Clerk E. O. McIlwain, of Oktibbeha county. The case is styled Merchants & Farmers Bank vs. James W. Norment, and the record contains 242,000 words. Fully 500,000 persons in the United States are addicted to the use of drugs, according to Dr. T. D. Carothers, president of the New York Medical-Legal Society.

### May Purchase A. T. & N. R. R.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov. 18.—Rumors of railroad activity are current again in Tuscaloosa. It is rumored that the Illinois Central Railroad has purchased the Alabama, Tennessee and Northern Railroad, and that the Illinois Central will build to Tuscaloosa before a great while over the route which has already been surveyed here. The northern terminus of the Alabama, Tennessee and Northern is only 30 miles from Tuscaloosa. The road runs south from Reform, the northern terminus, to Mobile, and covers a rich agricultural country as well as timber lands.

### Patron-Teacher Association.

The Patron-Teacher Association, of Barrow School, will have a Thanksgiving meeting Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 3 o'clock. Special Thanksgiving program has been arranged. Each patron is requested to bring an article valued at 25 cents as a "Thanks" offering to the school. These packages will be sold in December for the benefit of the school.

Mrs. W. M. COX, President.

## TEUTON ADVANCE IS MORE RAPID

SERVIANS MAY BE FORCED ACROSS BORDER OF ALBANIA.

GREEK ATTITUDE COMPLETE PUZZLE

Big Guns Keep Gorizia Safe For Austrians, Although Italians Make Small Gains.

London, Nov. 19.—A late dispatch from Athens states that the Bulgarians have occupied Monastir and the Servians in that region are in full retreat.

The position of the Servian army and the attitude of Greece toward the entente powers are still the question of interest in Europe. Reliable information on both situations is so meager that the public is unable to judge if changes have taken place.

It is thought that the Servians may make a stand on the historic plains of Kosovo, east of the Montenegrin frontier, where 500 years ago they lost their independence to Turkey. They either must do this or retire into the mountains of Montenegro or North Albania, where, although they would be nearer help from the Adriatic, it would be difficult to keep them supplied owing to the absence of roads.

The Austro-Germans on the north are now within 30 miles of the Mitrovitz-Pristina line of the Servians, while the Bulgarians in the south are said already to have passed Monastir.

As to the position of Greece there have been no developments, although a more hopeful feeling prevails in Paris and London since Deny Coghlin's visit to the Greek king and ministers.

There have been lively artillery engagements in Alsace and at other points in the west. In the east the Germans report no change in the situation, while Petrograd claims repulses for the Germans on the Dvina and Styrr rivers.

The Italians still are hammering away at the Austrian positions on the Isonzo, but while they are gaining a little from day to day, they have not yet captured Gorizia, which again has been under a heavy shell fire for several days.

## HEAVY DAMAGE IS DONE BY FIRE AT UNION SPRINGS

FLAMES YESTERDAY CAUSE A LOSS OF \$100,000 IN ALABAMA TOWN.

Union Springs, Ala., Nov. 20.—Fire in the railroad station at this place Saturday morning did damage in excess of \$100,000.

A number of railroad buildings together with 800 bales of cotton were destroyed by flames. Several buildings owned by the Southern Cotton Oil Co., were also destroyed.

### Bargain Week at the Princess.

The coming week at the Princess will be known as bargain week, because we are offering the biggest attractions of filmdom; a big feature every day and we are going to make the price 5c and 10c all the week. This includes the Paramounts as well as all the other big features. Monday, November 22, Pathe presents George Probert in "The Spender," a society drama in five reels.

Tuesday, November 23rd, Paramount offers, "Brother Officers," featuring Henry Ainley, and big cast. A modern, lavishly staged drama.

Wednesday, November 24th, World Film presents Vivian Martin and Arthur Ashley in a sweet little story, "The Little Mademoiselle."

Thursday, November 25th, special Thanksgiving program; Paramount presents the noted star, Edgar Selwyn, in a picture of the big New York success, "The Arab."

Friday, November 26th, Mutual Masterpictures offer beautiful Margrita Fischer in a modern drama, "The Miracle of Life."

Saturday, November 27th, Metro presents the big favorite, Francis X. Bushman, in a five reel picture, "The Second in Command." Making a program the entire week than can't be excelled at any place for any price, and the admission all the week is 5c and 10c.

For public car service telephone 205, corner Market and Main streets. C. N. Kuykendall.

## PATTERSON AND McKELLAR LEAD

INCOMPLETE RETURNS RECEIVED FROM TENNESSEE.

SECOND PRIMARY ALMOST CERTAINTY

Early Reports Indicate That Luke Lea Stands Third In the Race.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 21.—Incomplete returns about midnight show McKellar and Patterson leading the ticket over Lea in the race for United States Senator held in this state Saturday, and a second primary will no doubt be run off between these two candidates.

Memphis (Incomplete)—McKellar, 5,700; Patterson 2,400; Lea, light vote.

Incomplete returns from several counties are as follows:

Perry—Lea 374, McKellar 30, Patterson 44.  
Cheatham—Lea 167, McKellar 233, Patterson 131.  
Hardeman—Lea 121, McKellar 329, Patterson 624.  
Carter—Lea 309, McKellar 283, Patterson 166.  
Trautman—Lea 140, McKellar 250, Patterson 151.  
Cannon—Lea 214, McKellar 70, Patterson 381.  
Bedford—Lea 481, McKellar 642, Patterson 702.  
Bradley—Lea 65, McKellar 320, Patterson 741.  
Harden—Lea 309, McKellar 288, Patterson 166.

In many ways the campaign has been the most spectacular the state has known in many years. In the first place, it is the first three cornered primary the Democrats of the state have ever taken part in. The result of this is that some voters have decided not to take any part at all, though there is no doubt among Democratic leaders that the nominee of the primary will be the next United States senator.

In the next place the campaign has been one of the most thorough ever undertaken in the state.

Morning, noon and night the three candidates have been speaking and riding and campaigning. It is probable that Senator Lea has made the most active speaking campaign ever made in Tennessee in the same length of time. Both Gov. Patterson and Congressman McKellar have been busy too, and have covered practically the entire state.

It is probable that each candidate has spoken to between 50,000 and 75,000 voters.

The strenuous campaign, with fairly good crowds, has inspired the managers of all the candidates to feel confident of the result, and they are still predicting victory.

### HARVARD BEATS YALE

Old Eli was no match for the Crimson eleven in their annual grid-iron contest yesterday, being swamped by the score of 41-0.

### Fire Alarm Last Night.

A live wire in front of the home of Dr. J. W. Lipscomb on Main street, was the cause of the fire department being called out at 10:00 o'clock last night. No damage was done.

### Funeral Held at Starkville.

The remains of Mrs. E. M. Chapman, who died suddenly at Mahew Friday evening, were taken to Starkville yesterday for interment.

### Pastor Absent From City.

On account of the absence of the pastor, Dr. R. B. Eggleston, who is in Virginia, there will be no preaching at the First Presbyterian church today.

Mr. J. M. Morris, of Indianapolis, Ind., inspector for the State Life Insurance Company, spent Friday in Columbus on business. While here he was the guest of Mr. F. R. Simms.

### Will Discuss Route.

A meeting of the members of the Lowndes County Jackson Highway Association and all interested will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing future plans and hearing the report of Messrs. W. H. Carter and T. J. Locke, Jr., who attended the meeting in Nashville the past week.